Vehicle Tampering / Conspiracy Arrest

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Incident: Vehicle Tampering / Conspiracy Arrest

Contact: Watch Commander, 805-339-4416

Location: 2200 Block Fawn Ave

Date/Time Occurred: 11/13/2014 at 0256 Hours

Officer(s) Involved: VPD Patrol Officers

Victim(s): Several Residents in the 2200 Blk of Fawn Ave

Suspect(s):

1 – Juan Castillo, 34 years, Santa Paula resident

2 - Vanessa Luna, 27 years, Santa Paula resident

3 - Esteban Oseguera, 24 years, Santa Paula resident

Report #: 14-14449

Narrative:

On the above date and time the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a 911 call re: two suspicious subjects casing vehicles in the area. Ventura patrol officers responded and quickly set up a perimeter.

The officer who are familiar with the layout of the streets walked in on foot and observed the suspects, later identified as Juan Castillo and Esteban Oseguera, walking on Wildcat Ave attempting to open the doors of several parked vehicles.

As the officers made contact Oseguera was detained however Castillo fled to a waiting vehicle that sped away from the area.

Other officers who had responded to assist observed this vehicle as it drove out of the neighborhood and conducted an enforcement stop.

The driver, identified as Vanessa Luna, was found to have Castillo in the rear passenger seat of her vehicle. All three of these suspects were detained and through their investigation the officers determined that Castillo and Oseguera had been dropped off on Fawn Ave by Luna and proceeded to check the door handles of parked vehicles in the neighborhood. Several victim vehicles were identified and officers made contact with the owners who confirmed that their vehicles had been tampered with.

All three suspects were arrested for 182(a)(1) PC - Conspiracy and 10853 CVC - Vehicle tampering. Luna was also found to be under the influence of a controlled substance and was additionally charged with 11550(a) H&S. All three suspects were later booked into the Ventura County Main Jail.

This investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is urged to call the Ventura Police Department at 339-4493.